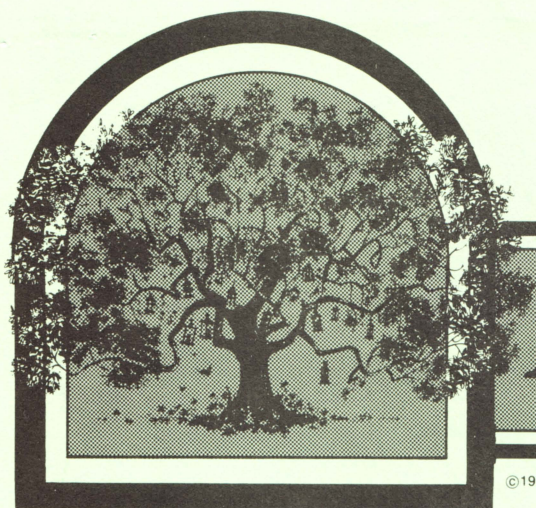


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PHOTO CONTEST!

GET YOUR CAMERA READY!

Entries must depict the theme

"HORTICULTURE IN ACTION"

Any type of camera may be used,
only color slides will be accepted.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED

- For the best overall photo
- For the most humorous photo

WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED

in our June issue of
"Every Bloomin' Thing"

Entries will be judged
by Alain Boniec from our
WDW Photography Department.

YOU CAN ENTER

as many slides as you like.
Submit your entries to the
Horticulture Division Office.

DEADLINE JUNE 1, 1981

YOU COULD WIN!

* PLANT OF THE MONTH *

Dietes bicolor
("African Iris")

This evergreen perennial on stage at the Luau area of the Polynesian can be easily recognized by its stiff, narrow, iris-like leaves that grow in a fan shaped clump. The light yellow flowers resemble a miniature Japanese Iris and appear throughout the summer. The flowers last only a day, but as the old flowers fade new ones quickly open to take their place. Another species, Dietes vegeta, has white flowers. Both types of African Iris are often known by an older name for this genus, Moraea.



* PLANTS ON STAGE FOR APRIL *

Brunfelsia pauciflora 'Floribunda' ("Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow") - This evergreen shrub gets its common name from the unique color changes which its flowers undergo. Newly opened flowers are purple ("Yesterday"), quickly fading to lavender ("Today"), and then to white ("Tomorrow"). Look for this unusual flowering shrub on the south side of the Great Ceremonial House at the Polynesian.

Chionanthus retusus ("Chinese Fringe Tree") - Earning its common name from the delicate appearance of its white, fringe-like flowers, the Chinese Fringe Tree blooms in spring. Male and female flowers are borne on separate trees, and the flowers of the male trees are generally larger. It is new to our Walt Disney World landscape and is located at the Nursery. We will see this tree in the landscape of EPCOT Center.

A Modern Look to An Ancient Art in Tomorrowland

The term espalier means trellis or support. Most properly an espalier is a trellis upon which a tree or shrub is trained so that its trunk and branches lie in one plane. The pyracantha espalier on the switching station in the center of the Grand Prix is a fine example of this ancient art.



Although it was only 18" when planted 2 years ago, the espalier now reaches the top of the wall. Don Heincelman, the gardener who takes care of this espalier, trims it every 2 weeks with hand clippers, and fertilizes it 4 times a year. Fertilization requires the use of an auger to mix 48 oz. of 6-6-6 well into the soil about 2 feet out from the plant's base.

Even though Don had never grown an espalier before, he has had tremendous success with this pyracantha. To Don, it resembles a giant cactus. Our guests can enjoy this fine example of the handiwork of our Tomorrowland crew from the Grand Prix, the WEDway, and, of course, from the Skyway.

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Do We Have Your Number?

In the event of an emergency or some problem at work, it may be necessary to reach you on very short notice. Consequently, it is extremely important to keep your home address and telephone number current in our records. If you change either at any time during your employment with WALT DISNEY WORLD, it is your responsibility to immediately notify your department office.

In addition, we want to be sure that you receive any mailings that may periodically be sent to your home. A great way to check your address to see if it is current is to look at your paycheck -- the address that appears on your paycheck is the address in our records. So don't forget to let us know whenever you have a change in your name, address or telephone number.

Idea Becomes Reality

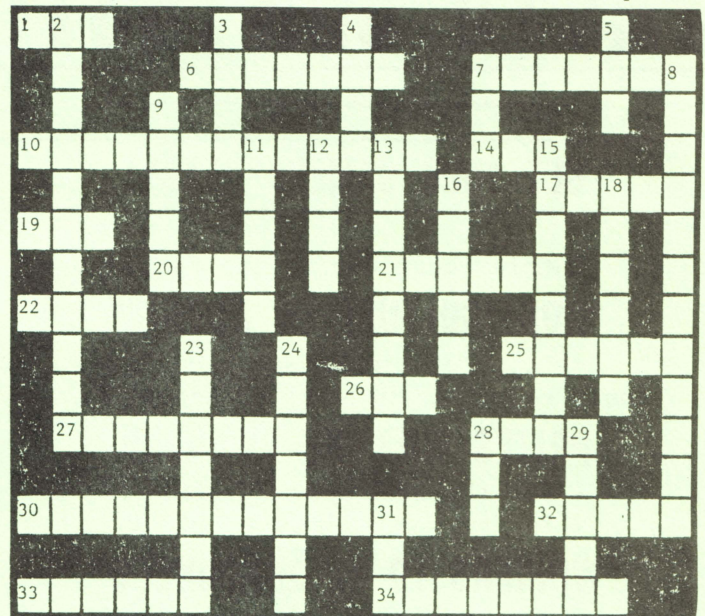


Craig Hutchinson's suggestion -- to mix begonias in a beach ball effect -- is now a reality. Here is Craig showing the result: 'Viva' (green foliage, white flowers) with 'Vodka' (bronze foliage, red flowers).

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How Well Do You Know Your Stuff?

Being a gardener at WALT DISNEY WORLD means more than just being well versed in horticulture -- it also means being an expert on the many features of our Vacation Kingdom. Test your knowledge with this crossword puzzle.



Across

1. Space Mountain -- presented by
6. Heavy equipment used to dig holes
7. Architecture of Caribbean Plaza
10. Colorful cascade of Adventureland
14. First _____
17. Opening on Oct. 1, 1982
19. Fort _____ Clemens
20. All American Selection
21. Indoor garden at Polynesian
22. Stalk
25. Plant which completes its life cycle in 1 yr.
26. Golf starting place
27. Pitfall which golfers avoid
28. Edible part of peanut plant
30. Air-borne garden
32. Reproductive body produced by ferns
33. Main Street _____, attraction
34. Flying insect that takes after Dracula

Down

2. Chinese Fringe Tree -- genus
3. Ground covered by closely mowed grass
4. Potting media
5. Pear-shaped edible fruit related to the mulberry
7. 20,000 Leagues Under the _____
8. Art and science of gardening
9. Resource which we need to conserve
11. Plants that climb, often by tendrils
12. Hawaiian feast
13. Plant trained to grow flat against a wall or trellis
15. Diamond Horseshoe Revue -- presented by
16. Nylon device used to move trees and shrubs
18. Plant featured at Big Thunder
23. Showy winter annual
24. Plant grown in the shape of a character
28. To plant a seed
29. Railroad Station
31. Ulmus -- common name for this genus

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